KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As per Registered Offices there are five Central Public Sector Undertakings located in the State of Assam and are in operation. The enterprise-wise details i.e. location of Registered Offices and investment made in these enterprises during the last three years is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) As per available information, there is no proposal to set up new PSUs in the State of Assam during the Ninth Plan. However, the details of projects of Rs. 100 crores and above, being implemented presently in the country including the State of Assam, are given in Chapter II of Volumc-1 of the Public Enterprises Survey 1998-99, which was laid in the Parliament during the last Budget Session.

Statement

Investment made in PSUs during last three years, located in Assam.

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI. No.	Name of PSU and location of Registered Office	Investment made during 1998-99	1997-98	1996-97	Total
1.	Assam Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited, Guwahati	0	0	0	0
2.	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited. Dhaligaon	0	0	0	0
3.	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. Guwahati	—4	0	104	100
4.	Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Dispur	17862	10312	14032	42236
5.	Oil India Limited. Duliajan	0	0	7134	7134
	TOTAL:	17858	10342	21270	49470

Complaints about recruitment in PSUs

58. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

whether it is fact that there are several complaints about recruitment in the public sector undertakings:

whether the officers are avoiding Bhumiputras and

(c) whether the Government will give helping hand to sons of the soil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (c) Recruitment to posts below Board level comes under the preview of respective Public Sector Undertakings. As far as Group 'A' and 'B' posts are concerned, applications are invited through open advertisements. As regards lower posts (Group 'C and 'D'), instructions have been issued pursuant to the Supreme Court Judgement in the case of Excise Superintendent, Malkapatnam, Krishna distt., Andhra Prasdesh vs. K. P. N. Visweshwara Rao and Others. According to these instructions, in addition to notifying the vacancies for the relevant categories, to the Employment Exchange, PSUs may, keeping in view Administrative/Budgetary convenience, arrange for publication of the recruitment notice in the Employment News and recruitment notices are also to be displayed on the office Notice Boards for wider publicity. Applications received from ail including those from Bhumiputras (sons of the soil) are to be considered and selection is made by a duly constituted Selection Committee. Complaints, if any, received with regard to the recruitment, are sorted out by the respective PSUs and the Administrative Ministries concerned and such information is not centrally maintained.

Serials supporting violence and illicit relations

†59. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a flood of serials supporting violence and illicit relations on public and private T.V. channels now-a-days;

(b) what part of the total programme is based on other subjects like art, culture, literature, science along with the subject-wise details thereof; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to discontinue the type of serials mentioned at (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY:) (a) Prasar Bharati has intimated that Doordarshan as a public service broadcaster does not support violence and illicit relations on its network. Doordarshan previews all its programmes before telecast to ensure violence in programme is neither glorified or justified. Programmes having themes of illicit relations are rejected.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.